

Application No.: 10/761,101
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 17, 20, and 21 have been amended, relative to the original patent. Claims 2, 13, 14, 16, and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-12, 15, 17 and 19-21 remain. Support for the amendments to the instant claims is of record in previously filed responses.

In addition, the recitation of "R¹ and R² may be interconnected to each other, and/or R⁴ and R⁵ may be interconnected to each other," in Claim 6 appears to have been inadvertently truncated to recite "interconnected to each other" in the Preliminary Amendment filed January 20, 2004. This error appears to have unknowingly been continued throughout the instant prosecution. Applicants have corrected this clerical error consistent with Claim 6 of the original patent.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 3-12, 15, 17, and 19-21 are objected to in view of the alleged non-compliance issues regarding the previously submitted reissue oath/declaration. Applicants submit herewith a Reissue Application Declaration By The Assignee, wherein the Japanese publication referenced in a previously submitted Reissue Application Declaration By The Assignee has been corrected. In particular, the Japanese reference has been corrected to clarify that the Kokai is numbered 10-330412. Accordingly, the Reissue Application Declaration By The Assignee now meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP §1414. As such, Applicants' respectfully request the objection to the claims be removed, and the instant application be granted.

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe a

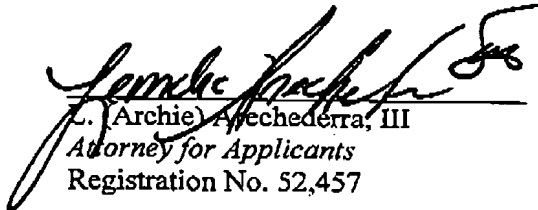
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telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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